

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Agenda Item: 7**

## **REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS**

### **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (LIS) PROGRAMME 2012/13 AND 2013/14**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update to Committee on the 7<sup>th</sup> March Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Event and seek Committee approval for the addition of a number of LIS schemes to the year 10 programme which have not received previous approval (as detailed in paragraph 7 of this report).

#### **Information and Advice**

2. The LIS initiative was developed by Nottinghamshire County Council in 2004 to promote a wide range of environmental improvements across the County for the benefit of local communities. The initiative has been an unrivalled success with a significant number of high profile developments being delivered across the County. The programme has been widely recognised and has earned the County Council credit as well as many accolades and awards locally, regionally and nationally.

#### **LIS Event 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

3. This year's LIS event has built on the success of previous years and showcased schemes being delivered under the headings; Environmental Improvements, Heritage and Conservation and Local Identity which includes play areas, skateparks, noticeboards and signage.
4. Over 250 delegates registered to attend the event which proved very popular with Parish and Town Councils, Residents Associations, Special Interest Groups, Voluntary Organisations and County Council Members in attendance. The event provided the opportunity not only to encourage applications, and to award nine outstanding achievement awards to those who had gone above and beyond in the delivery of schemes, but also to promote the work of the authority as a whole and more specifically the LIS initiative. A number of Highly Commended certificates were also presented to volunteers this year for the first time.
5. In addition to the presentations and case studies that were highlighted an exhibition designed to inspire and inform delegates of the work of the LIS initiative

was staged. This area was extremely well received and plans to recreate and reuse the content again for the Newark and Nottinghamshire Show and possibly other venues is currently being explored.

6. Photographs and film edits of the schemes delivered over the past year and some of the award winners can be found on the County Council website at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/environment/lis](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/environment/lis).
7. Following the approval of the LIS Capital Programme at Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013, further development of the programme has been undertaken resulting in additional schemes being developed for inclusion in forthcoming year's programme. Approval is sought for the inclusion of the refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen area for the Nuthall Scout Group, upgrading of play areas for Cropwell Butler and Shelford and Newton, replacement of notice boards for Greasley Parish Council, Ladybrook Neighbourhood Watch and Worksop East Tenants and Residents Association, provision of parking for the Beeston Canal project and additional equipment for the Eastwood skatepark. Each of the schemes is subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from detailed scheme investigation.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and users. Where such implications are material they have been brought out in the text of the report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9. It is RECOMMENDED that Committee notes the content of the report and approves the addition of the schemes highlighted in paragraph 7.

### **COUNCILLOR RICHARD BUTLER**

Committee Chairman for Environment & Sustainability

### **Legal Services' Comments (SB26/03/13)**

Environment and Sustainability Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report; it is responsible for the Local Improvement Scheme.

### **Financial Comments (TMR 04/04/2013)**

The schemes will be funded from the LIS Capital programme.

### **Background Papers Available for Inspection**

None

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All